

# KEY MESSAGES FOR PEOPLE WITH MEDICARE

Medicare is an important health insurance program for people age 65 or over, people under age 65 with certain disabilities, and people of all ages with End-Stage Renal Disease. The following are some key messages that people with Medicare need to know and understand about the new Medicare prescription drug coverage:

- Starting in 2006, Medicare will offer drug coverage that helps people with Medicare pay for the prescriptions they need.
- Medicare prescription drug coverage is available to all people with Medicare.
- There is extra help for those who need it most.
- Medicare prescription drug coverage pays for brand name and generic drugs.
- You can choose between at least two Medicare prescription drug plans and pick a plan that is right for you.

If your audience understands these key messages at the end of your outreach presentation, meeting, or counseling session, you've done a good job!



# TRAINING FOR YOU ON MEDICARE AND MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE

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If you're new to Medicare, or just learning about Medicare prescription drug coverage, this section is here to help you.

This folder contains training materials and information you may want to review before beginning outreach on Medicare prescription drug coverage. It includes a self-paced training booklet introducing Medicare and Medicare prescription drug coverage. The booklet depicts a possible conversation between a new Medicare partner and a Medicare trainer. A printed copy is included here, and an electronic version is on the CD located in the section “**Resources and Practical Tools.**”

Once you've reviewed this information, you'll be ready to help others understand Medicare prescription drug coverage.

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